

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6002

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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Security
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTING NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIAL APPEAR-**
2 **ANCES BEFORE CONGRESS.**

3 (a) INITIAL APPEARANCE.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date that a vacancy occurs with respect to any
5 office listed in subsection (b), the individual serving as the
6 acting official or performing the duties for such office shall
7 appear before the applicable committees of Congress set
8 forth in such subsection for such office.

9 (b) OFFICES AND COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—

10 (1) DOD.—The Secretary of Defense; the
11 Armed Services Committees of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Senate.

13 (2) DHS.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
14 rity; the Committee on Homeland Security of the
15 House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
17 Senate.

18 (3) INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.—The Director of
19 the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the
20 National Security Agency, or the Director of Na-
21 tional Intelligence; the Permanent Select Committee
22 on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and
23 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

24 (c) SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCES.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Forty-five days following the
26 first appearance under subsection (a), and every 45

1 days thereafter until an individual is confirmed by
2 the Senate to the position with respect to which the
3 acting official pertains, the acting official shall tes-
4 tify, on an alternating basis, before the applicable
5 committees of the House of Representatives and the
6 Senate set forth in subsection (b).

7 (2) WAIVER.—The chair of any such committee
8 may waive the requirement of paragraph (1).

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